

Public Notice

Draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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The [Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council \(PDCTC\)](#) has initiated a 30-day public comment period for the [Draft Federal Fiscal Year \(FFY\) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#): the prioritized listing of federally funded transportation projects in Dutchess County. Developed by the Transportation Council as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process, the TIP is an essential product of the overall transportation planning process, since it is through the TIP that the Council commits to the implementation of transportation projects. The TIP must adhere to the provisions set forth in the current federal transportation law – [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act \(FAST Act\)](#) which authorizes a variety of funding programs that support highway, transit, and bicycle-pedestrian transportation. Projects must also be consistent with the goals and recommendations identified in the Council's 30-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan ([Moving Dutchess 2](#)).

The Draft FFY 2017-2021 TIP covers the period from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021 and coincides with the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) calendar. It was developed in cooperation with State and local officials, regional and local transit operators, and other transportation and regional planning agencies. Upon Transportation Council approval, the Draft FFY 2017-2021 TIP will be incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The TIP contains listings that identify the project sponsor, proposed schedule, scope, cost, and fund source for each project. Both federally and non-federally funded projects are included to provide a comprehensive view of transportation capital and operating projects in the area. In addition to projects located solely in Dutchess County, the Draft 2017-2021 TIP includes multi-county projects that support routine maintenance projects across the seven counties in NYSDOT-Region 8. These projects include traffic signal replacements, highway sign improvements, guiderail maintenance, culvert replacements, and pavement marking initiatives that will partially benefit Dutchess County. The Draft TIP also includes projects from the MTA/Metro-North Railroad and NYS Bridge Authority.

The Draft FFY 2017-2021 TIP programs almost \$86 million in federal transportation funding in Dutchess County, with \$32 million for highway projects and almost \$54 million for transit. The table on page two shows the amounts programmed by federal funding source.

Programmed Funding in the Draft PDCTC FFY 2017-2021 TIP

Federal Funding Program	FFY 2017-2021 Total (\$-millions)
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	
National Highway Performance Program	\$1.3
STBG Program-FLEX	\$13.0
STBG Program-Large Urban	\$8.2
STBG Program-Off System Bridge	\$0.6
Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$5.2
Discretionary Federal-aid ¹	\$3.7
Total FHWA Funding	\$32.0
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	
	Total
Section 5307/5340 (Urbanized Area) Program	\$22.1
Section 5310 (Elderly & Disabled) Program	\$1.6
Section 5337 (State of Good Repair) Program	\$25.3
Section 5339 (Bus & Bus Facilities) Program	\$4.9
Total FTA Funding	\$53.8
Total Federal Funding	\$85.8

¹ Discretionary Federal-aid includes High Priority Projects and former Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

This comment period provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP. Comments should be sent in writing (mail, email, or fax) to the address below by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016**. All public comments will be summarized and presented to the PDCTC Executive Committee prior to action at their meeting on June 30, 2016. The Draft 2017-2021 TIP is available by mail, email, or on the web at:

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A public information meeting on the Draft TIP has also been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Dutchess County Planning Department (Main Conference Room) (above address).

About the PDCTC: Established in 1982, the PDCTC serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal regulations require that all Urbanized Areas (U.S. Census defined metropolitan areas with over 50,000 people) be represented by a MPO, which is responsible for ensuring that federal highway and transit funds are committed through a locally driven, comprehensive planning process. The PDCTC includes representatives from local municipalities, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.